



## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ABEL MALDONADO

### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **California Lieutenant Governor To Bring California Economic And Environmental Recovery Resources To Louisiana**

**Background:** California Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado will lead a delegation from California to bring tourism recovery and oil clean up resources, as well as learn about oil spill prevention policies and best practices to apply to oil leases.

Lt. Governor Maldonado will spend the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Houma Incident Command Post meeting with California state employees on duty in Louisiana. He will then join an aerial briefing of the spill.

The second half of Lt. Governor's day will be spent meeting with Louisiana's Secretary for Tourism and the COO of the California Travel and Tourism commission to discuss Californian's best practices for revitalizing tourism following disasters and leading a volunteer training with a hazardous waste recovery expert from the California Conservation Corps to demonstrate the skills of hundreds of Corps members trained in spill response who are waiting to be called upon to help the environmental efforts.

The Lt. Governor will end his trip with a strategy session with Louisiana geological and lands management officials to discuss best practices on state oil regulations as it relates to Maldonado's seat on the State Lands Commission.

You can follow Lt. Governor Maldonado's trip to the Gulf on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

#### **Lt. Governor Abel Maldonado and California Delegation Agenda for Wednesday, July 28, 2010**

*\*\*All times are local\*\**

#### **US Coast Guard Briefing At the Houma, LA Incident Command Post**

When: 6:30am (local)

What: The Lt. Governor will receive a briefing from the US Coast Guard at the Houma Incident Command Post; and meet with California state employees who are deployed to the Gulf to help with the recovery efforts.

Where: BP Houma Learning Center

1597 Hwy 311

Schriever, LA 70395

**Media:** Media is welcome, however security clearance is mandatory to accompany the Lt. Governor. Please call Erin Shaw 916.203.1278 or email [erin.shaw@ltg.ca.gov](mailto:erin.shaw@ltg.ca.gov) by 5 p.m. PST Tuesday, July 27, 2010 to join the Lt Governor.

**US Coast Guard Aerial Briefing**

When: 8:00am

What: The Lt. Governor will join the US Coast Guard on a previously scheduled aerial briefing of the spill.

**Strategy Session with Louisiana Secretary for Tourism, Jim Hutchinson**

When: 12pm

What: Lt. Governor Maldonado and Karin Fish, COO of California's Travel and Tourism Commission, will meet with Louisiana Secretary for Tourism, Jim Hutchinson, to discuss long term strategies to return tourists to states who have recovered from disasters.

Where: Emeril's New Orleans  
800 Tchoupitoulas  
New Orleans, LA 70130

**Volunteer Training on Hazardous Waste Cleanup Operations**

When: 2pm

What: Lt. Governor Maldonado and Lin McNamara, an expert in hazardous waste emergency response for the California Conservation Corps, will lead a training session for dozens of volunteers through the Hands On New Orleans organization. They will also be joined by officials from Volunteer Louisiana and the Louisiana Serve Commission.

Where: Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc.  
3400 Tulane Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125

Media: Media availability with Louisiana state officials and members of the California delegation will be held prior to the training. The training is open press.

**Briefing with Louisiana State Lands Management and Natural Resources Officials**

When: 4pm

What: Lt. Governor Maldonado will meet with the Louisiana State Lands Director Charles St. Romain, Chief Geologist with the Louisiana Office of Mineral Resources, and Louis Buatt, Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources. Given the Lt. Governor's position on the California State Lands Commission, Maldonado will be discussing oil spill prevention policy. Lt. Governor Maldonado will also be discussing the economic impacts the spill has had on tourism with Bed and Breakfast owner Larry Watts.

Where: O'Malley House

120 South Pierce Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

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